# KEY DEVELOPMENTS AT LUCAS OIL STADIUM AND INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION FEBRUARY 2007 UPDATE

## 3-D Model Shows Landscape To Help During Expansion Design Process

RATIO Architects, the lead design firm for the Convention Center expansion, unveiled a three-dimensional model to members of the Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority (ISCBA) at their January 22 meeting. The model shows a several-block area including the Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. It will help the architects and decision-makers understand how the landscape will look under various scenarios once the RCA Dome is demolished and the Convention Center is expanded. "This is a way of getting people prepared for the disappearance of a 190-feet high building to be replaced by a building less than half that height," said Bill Browne, president of RATIO. The dome is scheduled to be torn down in 2008 after the Indianapolis Colts and other tenants move into the new Lucas Oil Stadium. It will be replaced by an expansion that will more than double the current facility. "We hope the expanded Convention Center, though not as tall as the RCA Dome, will become a new downtown landmark in its own right," said Browne.



### **Concrete Work Proceeding on Schedule**

One-fourth of the concrete work on the stadium's exterior is now complete, and another fourth will be done in March. Despite inclement weather, steel fabricators are now at work on the large roof beams that will support the retractable roof. Mechanical and electrical contractors also are gaining increased access to inside floors for their specialized work. Altogether, more than \$178 million worth of construction has been completed – not yet halfway toward the stadium's \$500 million construction budget.

#### **Minority Participation in Project Nearing Goals**

Spearheaded by the efforts of the Hunt/Smoot/Mezzetta construction team, the Lucas Oil Stadium continues ever closer to its combined goals for minority participation. As of January, MWBE firms have won 19.14% for a total of \$104,684.058. "Given the tremendous demand for construction workers on several projects across the Central Indiana market, I believe we are making significant progress toward our goals," said John P. Klipsch, Executive Director of the ISCBA.

#### Lucas Oil Stadium MWBE Participation Report Summary January 15, 2007

Category	Original Commitment		%	Changes		Current Commitment		%
Contractors				-				
Total Contracts	\$	455,946,359	77 12 1	S	14,048,298	S	469,994,657	
Total MBE	\$	62,198,261	13.64%	\$	8,511,833	S	70,710,094	15.04%
Total WBE	\$	18,311,924	4.02%	\$	505.632	S	18,817,556	4.00%
Total MWBE	\$	80,510,185	17.66%	\$	9,017,465	\$	89,527,651	19.05%
Soft Costs								
Total Contracts	S	74,218,024		S	2,655,320	\$	76,873,344	
Total MBE	\$	11,361,605	15.31%	S	195,868	\$	11,557,473	15.03%
Total WBE	\$	3,564,214	4.80%	S	34,720	\$	3,598,934	4.68%
Total MWBE	\$	14,925,819	20.11%	\$	230,588	\$	15,156,407	19.72%
Combined Totals								
Total Contracts	\$	530,164,383		\$	16,703,618	\$	546,868,001	
Total MBE	\$	73,559,866	13.87%	\$	8,707,701	\$	82,267,568	15.04%
Total WBE	\$	21,876,138	4.13%	S	540,352	S	22,416,490	4.10%
Total MWBE	\$	95,436,005	18.00%	\$	9.248,053	S	104.684.058	19.14%

#### **Enclosed Walkway to Link Stadium, Convention Center**

Sports fans and convention goers will be happy with a feature of the Lucas Oil Stadium and Convention Center expansion projects that has received little notice thus far. Included in the mix is an enclosed connector system that will enable patrons to go back and forth between the two venues in a climate-controlled environment. It will include a tunnel under South Street as well as an above-ground segment. Since there are 57 conventions and other meetings booked for 2008 and beyond that will use both the stadium and Convention Center, the connector is considered an important piece of booking strategy. "Planners have considered this an essential part of the total package from the very beginning," said ISCBA Executive Director John P. Klipsch.

### Lego Lucas Oil Stadium Displayed at Indianapolis Home Show

Indiana Lego Users Group (IndyLug) featured an "under construction" Lucas Oil Stadium built entirely of legos at this years' Indianapolis Home Show. The Stadium was one of several creations on display at the Home Show which ran from January 26 through February 4 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

